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(SIRHAN)

WASHINGTON--LAWYERS FOR SIRHAN B. SIRHAN TOLD THE SUPREME COURT TODAY "SIGNIFICANT PHYSICAL EVIDENCE" NOW SHOWS THAT THE ARAB IMMIGRANT DID NOT FIRE THE FATAL BULLET WHICH KILLED SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY IN JUNE OF 1968.

AN APPEAL ON BEHALF OF SIRHAN SIRHAN WAS FILED ASKING REVIEW OF A CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT JUDGMENT ON JULY 26 OF THIS YEAR AFFIRMING THE MURDER CONVICTION.

THE APPEAL CONCEDED THAT SIRHAN "WAS CAPTURED AT THE SCENE WIELDING A STILL SMOKING GUN" AT THE HOTEL AMBASSADOR IN LOS ANGELES.

BUT IT SAID PSYCHIATRISTS "DUMMED INTO HIS MIND THAT HE WAS GUILTY, ALTHOUGH STRONG EVIDENCE INDICATED A MENTAL BLOCK PRECLUDING RECOLLECTION OF COMMITTING THE CRIME."

THE LAWYERS SAID THEY ARE HEADING UP "A TEAM OF PSYCHIATRISTS, CRIMINALISTS, FORENSIC PHYSICIANS, AND ENGINEERING PHYSICISTS, WHICH HAVE UNCOVERED SIGNIFICANT PHYSICAL EVIDENCE WHICH POINTS TO (SIRHAN'S) NON-FIRING OF THE FATAL BULLET."

THE LAWYERS, ROGER S. HANSON AND GEORGE R. MILMAN OF BEVERLY HILLS, SAID THEY RECOGNIZED THE FACT THAT THEIR COMMENTS ARE OUTSIDE THE RECORD IN THE CASE BUT ARE PROFFERED "IN PARTIAL EXPLANATION OF AN OTHERWISE UNCHALLENGED CONTINGENT (SIRHAN) WAS THE SOLE ASSASSIN OF THE SENATOR."

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